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REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31st MAY, 1951



THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN THE HOUSE OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY (N.E. CORNER OF BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY), ON FRIDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1951, AT 5.30 o'clock, TO CONSIDER THE ACCOUNTS, THE BALANCE SHEET AND THE REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE AUDITOR ; TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ; TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR ; AND FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERLY BE TRANSACTED.

Tea will be served at 5.

AFTER THE MEETING THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

THANKS to generous financial support from the Metropolitan Museum, New York, it was possible to continue digging at Nimrud on a large scale for a third season. A preliminary account of these discoveries appeared in the *Illustrated London News* of July 28th and August 4th, 1951, and further articles will appear in *Iraq*. The monumental character of the Assyrian Palaces and the wide variety of the antiquities recovered attracted over 1,400 visitors to the site during March and April.

One of the most remarkable finds was a sandstone stele erected by King Assur-nasir-pal II in 879 B.C. to commemorate the completion of his Palace. The carved front of this stele shows the king in his ceremonial robes, with the symbols of the principal Assyrian gods. On three sides are 154 lines recording a census of the population, and a list of the *flora* and *fauna* within the precincts of the city.

The Expedition also discovered a heavy stone defensive gateway built by this king in the eastern wall of the city, and a cobbled street in which the tracks made by ancient Assyrian chariot-wheels can still be discerned.

Two of the palaces yielded hundreds of ivories of the ninth and eighth centuries B.C., many of them exquisitely carved. The richest group is from a building which has been named the 'Burnt Palace' because it was sacked and burnt, possibly in 705 B.C. It may prove to be the second largest palace on the mound. Only seven rooms could be excavated, and there is every prospect of further important discoveries here, as well as in the older north-western palace, the plan of which is still far from being fully recovered. The work will be continued early next year.

Lectures on the activities of the School were given in Baghdad at a meeting organised by the British Council, and to the Iraq Academy. Lantern slides illustrated the work at Nimrud.

Thanks are due to many persons for the generous financial support which made the excavations possible. In addition to

the Metropolitan Museum, we received grants from the Iraq Petroleum Company; the Griffith Institute and Ashmolean Museum, Oxford; Cambridge University; Penguin Books Ltd.; and two anonymous American donors. Imperial Chemical Industries furnished Perspex roofing for the protection of the Assyrian Palaces, and the Iraq Petroleum Company machinery for the removal of dumps.

By permission of the Trustees, Mr. D. J. Wiseman, O.B.E., of the Egyptian and Assyrian Department, British Museum, took part in the expedition and deciphered the inscriptions. The other individual members of the staff assisting in a highly successful season's work are too numerous to mention here, but will be recorded in *Iraq*. We tender warm thanks to H.E. Dr. Naji al Asil, Director General of the Iraq Antiquities Department, no less than to Professor Mallowan's skilled Iraqi colleagues in Baghdad and Mosul.

In the course of the year the School provided accommodation in Baghdad and Nimrud for thirty scholars from England, Australia, the United States, France, Holland and Switzerland. Oxford, Cambridge and London Universities and the Institut français d'Archéologie were all represented. During the summer the house was occupied by Professor Cameron and his staff from the Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan. The library was also available to Iraqi scholars whom we had the pleasure of entertaining at various times.

The accounts are annexed. The Council are glad to report that Parliament has this year increased to £4,500 the grant to the School. With more money the School could expand its work, and it would make good use of subscriptions, donations or bequests.

On behalf of the Council,

R. BROOKE-POPHAM

*Chairman, Executive Committee.*

E. H. KEELING

*Hon. Secretary.*

October, 1951.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st MAY, 1951

LIABILITIES			ENDOWMENT FUND			ASSETS			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
As at 31 December, 1947 ...			10,648	15 10	Investments at cost (market value at 31st May, 1951, £10,302 19s. 4d.) ...			10,648	15 10
<b>WORKING FUND</b>					<b>WORKING AND EXCAVATIONS FUNDS</b>				
As at 31st May, 1950 ...	6,650	1 4			Balances at banks ...	2,463	4 8		
Less Excess of expenditure over income for year ended 31st May, 1951 ...	933	13 0			Cash in hand ...	3	3 1		
			5,716	8 4	Cash on deposit with—				
Sundry Creditors ...			347	0 0	Post Office Savings Bank ...	3,551	11 4		
<b>EXCAVATIONS FUND</b>					London Trustee Savings Bank ...	17	4 6		
Balance as at 31st May, 1950 ...	189	2 6			Income Tax recoverable ...	25	1 4		
Add balance brought forward from separate account ...	1,533	11 10			Investments at cost ...	1,725	17 9		
					(Market value at 31st May, 1951, £1,685 3s. 5d.)			7,786	2 8
			1,722	14 4					
			<u>£18,434</u>	<u>18 6</u>				<u>£18,434</u>	<u>18 6</u>

(sd.) R. BROOKE-POPHAM, *Chairman.* H. O. MANCE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

I certify that the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts have been prepared from the books of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq, and are correct and in accordance therewith.

PROVINCIAL HOUSE, 98-106 CANNON STREET, LONDON, E.C.4  
29th October, 1951.

(sd.) HAROLD LAKEMAN  
Chartered Accountant, *Auditor.*

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1951  
WORKING FUND

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<b>To LONDON EXPENDITURE</b>					<b>By subscriptions to School and</b>				
Journal ...	914	9 7			Journal ...	184	4 2		
Office ...	167	11 9			Income tax recovered under covenants ...	9	6 4		
Library ...	39	6 7						193	10 6
Dictionary of Assyrian Botany University of Michigan excavators in Iraq ...	50	0 0			outside sales of Journal ...			156	12 6
			1,221	7 11	Income received from Trustees of British Museum...			260	8 0
<b>„ BAGHDAD EXPENDITURE</b>					Grants from H.M. Treasury			4,250	0 0
Director ...	500	0 0			Book of the Zodiac refund ...			32	5 0
Secretary-Librarian ...	800	0 0			interest and dividends:—				
Office, Library and Insurance ...	85	15 0			on investments ...	448	4 4		
Fellowship ...	410	0 0			Post Office Savings Bank ...	61	17 7		
Rent of house ...	300	0 0			London Trustee Savings Bank ...			7	9
House expenses ...	518	2 8						510	9 8
Travelling and car expenses ...	441	5 0			Balance, being excess of expenditure over income			933	13 0
Entertainment and sundries ...	60	8 1						<u>£6,336</u>	<u>18 8</u>
			3,115	10 9					
<b>„ ALLOCATION TO EXCAVATIONS FUND</b>			2,000	0 0					
			<u>£6,336</u>	<u>18 8</u>					
					<b>EXCAVATIONS FUND</b>				
<b>To equipment for Expedition House</b>					By Allocation from Working Fund ...			2,000	0 0
tents ...			147	12 9	Donations:—				
light railway ...			64	0 0	Griffith Institute, Ashmolean Museum ...	250	0 0		
camera and survey equipment ...			33	12 0	Department of Antiquities, Ashmolean Museum ...	150	0 0		
guards ...			29	1 6	Metropolitan Museum of Art ...	1,069	2 8		
labour and sundries ...			151	16 0	Penguin Books, Ltd. ...	105	0 0		
balance, being excess of income over expenditure ...			2,223	19 10	University of Cambridge ...	50	0 0		
			1,533	11 10	University of Michigan ...	300	0 0		
					Anonymous ...	259	11 3		
			<u>£4,183</u>	<u>13 11</u>				2,183	13 11
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